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In re Application of)
Harald Hess) Group: 1762
Serial No.: 09/900,312)
Filed: July 6, 2001)
Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR APPLYING) Examiner: Eric B. Fuller
A COATING MEDIUM ONTO A MOVING)
SURFACE)

RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 17, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Response.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8, 10 and 11 are pending and rejected in this application.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1-4, 8, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 94/11116 (Sundholm et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,993,913 (Rosenberger et al.), Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and submits that claims 1-4, 8, 10 and 11 are in condition for allowance.

Sundholm et al. discloses a method and apparatus for coating paper (Figs. 1 and 2) including application nozzle 24 having air channels 25 disposed around slurry channel 26. Slurry is supplied to slurry channel 26, which is sprayed upon the paper, under pressure. Air from air channels 25 further break up the slurry reducing it into a fog. The amount of coating applied can be adjusted and the penetration of the coating optimized by adjusting flow rates and the angle at which the coating is directed toward the paper (page 4, line 29 through page 5, line 25). After the

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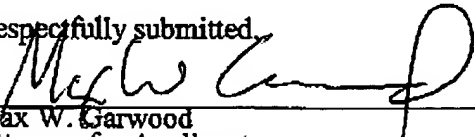
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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